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OHIO MAN SENTENCED TO 27 YEARS FOR CHILD PORN

Produced images of family members under 4 years in age

AKRON, Ohio— A Cleveland man was sentenced in the U.S. District Court here yesterday to 27 years and three months in prison following his conviction on one count of producing child pornography and two counts of receiving child porn, as the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

David Brown, 49, was investigated by ICE after its overseas agents received an alert from the German National Police regarding an individual who was posting pornographic images of children on the Internet. The ICE Attaché office in Germany relayed the computer and credit card evidence to the ICE Cyber Crimes Center in Fairfax, Va., which analyzed the Internet data, and ultimately traced the information to Brown. ICE Cleveland special agents executed a search warrant at Brown's residence in October 2003.

An analysis of computers seized at Brown's residence by ICE agents revealed over 1300 images and 100 movies of children involved in sexually explicit activity. The images included members of Brown's family. Brown was convicted on child pornography charges in April 2004.

"Using ICE's expertise and authority to keep sexual predators away from Ohio's children is a special role that ICE will not turn away from," said ICE Detroit Special Agent in Charge Brian M. Moskowitz. "ICE is committed to helping protect those who cannot protect themselves and the victims of child sexual predators are the top of that list."

The investigation leading to today's sentencing is part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative to protect children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 5,500 individuals, including 56 in Ohio.

ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and

Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

Brown has been in federal custody since his arrest in February 2004.

Michael Sullivan of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Ohio, prosecuted the case.

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